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Atty. Gen. Rogers Speaks Out

'No Group Has Monopoly On Crime In U.S.'

No particular nationality group has a monopoly on crime in the United States. That's the word we have received from the Attorney General of the United States—

William P. Rogers. And with this word from Attorney General Rogers the Order Sons of Italy in America has completed the first phase in its all-out campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia bogey man.

The Attorney General's letter to the Order's National Chairman on Public Relations nails down our contention that there is no Mafia in the United States.

So let the record show that the myth of the Mafia bogey man has been punctured. And let the record show conclusively that no agency, governmental or otherwise, has been able to come up with any evi-

dence to support the theory that an organization such as the Mafia is in existence and is responsible for gangsterism and racketeering.

Here is what Attorney General Rogers wrote in reply to our inquiries regarding the existence of the Mafia in this country:

"... I want to state that to my knowledge there is no national crime syndicate consisting solely of criminals of any particular national origin."

Letter From Atty. Gen. Rogers

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This is in response to your letter of July 7, 1959, with which you enclosed two copies of the July edition of your national publication, OSIA NEWS, setting forth the position of the Order Sons of Italy in America with respect to the Mafia problem, and asked certain questions concerning this subject.

I fully share your concern that American citizens of Italian origin should be unjustly stigmatized. Let me assure you it is the desire—and the duty—of the Department of Justice to protect the civil rights of any persons mistakenly identified with criminal acts.

While I am sure you appreciate that the Department of Justice could not publish the results of any investigations which might have been undertaken to determine the operation of criminal organizations, except by way of criminal prosecution, I want to state that to my knowledge there is no national crime syndicate consisting solely of criminals of any particular national origin.

There are, however, operating in this country syndicates of organized criminals who have achieved a large measure of influence in underworld circles. It is the responsibility of the Department of Justice to determine whether or not any federal laws are being violated by these people. I have, therefore, initiated a continuing program of concentrating our investigative and prosecutive forces in an attempt to root out and bring to the bar of justice such hoodlum elements. This drive is not, however, directed against any one segment of our population; nor has there been, nor will there be, any attempt to stigmatize any national group.

I sincerely hope that this statement will assist in silencing any slander of our twelve million able and honorable Americans of Italian origin.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. ROGERS,

Attorney General

Operation Hollywood and TV

Mafia Campaign In New Move

The Order's Letter to Henry Ford

The following letter was sent to Henry Ford, president of Ford Motor Co., by National Public Relations Chairman Marcello after conferring with Supreme Venerable Gorrasi:

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am writing this letter to you as national chairman of public relations for the Order Sons of Italy in America. This is the largest fraternal organization of its kind in the United States and Canada. What we have to say here is to acquaint you with some background regarding a campaign the Order Sons of Italy in America has undertaken to curb the free and easy use of the word Mafia.

Our campaign has been underway for a number of months. In some areas it has borne fruit. In other areas, particularly the entertainment world, it would seem that we are not getting anywhere. We have tried through a series of conciliatory moves to have Hollywood and television producers understand our position. Failing in this it would seem that our organization has no other alternative but to strike back where it will hurt the most — at the pocketbook.

The reason I am writing to you at this time is because a recent news release announced that Ford Motors is planning to spon-

sor a program soon with the Mafia as the theme. This in spite of the fact that responsible government officials, including the Attorney General of the United States, have stated that no such organization as the Mafia exists in this country.

So that the Ford organization will understand our position we are enclosing with this letter the following:

(1) Copies of the July and August editions of the national publication of our organization. You will note that the largest part of these editions have been devoted to this problem.

(2) Copy of a recent Associated Press dispatch which carries a statement from the Attorney General of the United States.

(3) Copy of a letter mailed to the National Broadcasting Co.

You should know that millions of Americans of Italian origin are backing our organization in this fight.

It is our honest belief that innocent men and women are being defamed by the constant and ir-

Strong Protests Made Against TV Productions

By A. Alfred Marcello

The Order's campaign against the Mafia "bogey man" has entered a new phase.

Now that it has been established that there is no Mafia in the United States, the Order has tackled the tremendous problem of "educating" Hollywood and television producers.

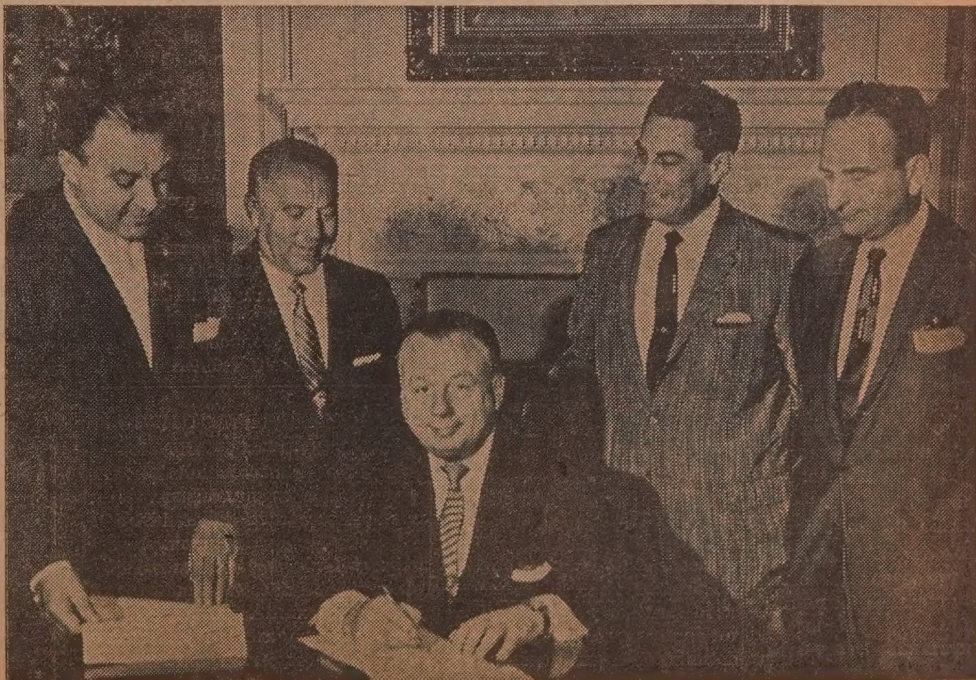
A series of letters have been flowing out of the offices of the National Committee on Public Relations. The first of these letters were conciliatory in tone. Yet, for the most part the reaction was disappointing. Those responsible for the slew of productions defaming the character of millions of Americans of Italian origin seem to be bent on continuing the present cycle of productions which depict Italians as murderers and racketeers.

As a result a second wave of letters were of the "gloves off" variety. These letters stated in essence — "persist in your pres-

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OHIO GOVERNOR SIGNS COLUMBUS DAY BILL



Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, a member of the Ohio Order, signs bill making Columbus Day, Oct. 12, a legal holiday. State Sen. Anthony O. Calebrese, Cleveland, left, Grand Venerable of the Ohio Grand Lodge, introduced the measure. Others witnessing the signing are, State Rep. A. Gnanolone, Bellaire, second left; State Sen. T. Guyer, Findley, second right, and State Sen. William Baker, Dayton. (Story on Page 4).

NEW ADDRESS FOR OSIA NEWS

On and after September 1, 1959, all correspondence should be mailed to OSIA NEWS, 25 Foster street, Worcester 8, Mass.

Fact Or Fiction?

Frederic Sondern's novel, "Brotherhood of Evil: The Mafia" is high on the best seller list. The book is highly controversial because of the subject matter. Is it fact or fiction? Virgil W. Peterson, former FBI agent, and now director of Chicago Crime Commission, reviewed the book for Chicago Sun-Times.

Here is Mr. Peterson's review in full and here is what he had to say whether the Mafia is fact or fiction.

By VIRGIL W. PETERSON

The Mafia, a brotherhood of Sicilians trained in crime, has a long history. Its cohesion stems from family relationships going back many generations. A mafioso rigidly observes omertà, which is a conspiracy of silence, never appeals to duly constituted authorities, and implicitly obeys the orders of a council of brothers senior to him.

"Brotherhood of Evil" depicts the Mafia as a major factor in America's underworld, a thesis which suffers appreciably when subjected to cold analysis. The Mafia is restricted solely to Sicilians. Hence, the Neopolitan Al Capone was denied membership in the Mafia. Nevertheless, according to the author, the Chicago mafiosi placed him at the head of their criminal organization, and Jewish Jack Guzik became the general manager. The genius of this non-Mafia leadership is credited with making America's Mafia what it is today. Logically, such an arrangement would be comparable to an organization promoting Roman Catholicism placing a Protestant minister at its head and retaining a Jewish rabbi as general manager to further its objectives.

One of the nation's most notorious criminal conspiracies, known as Murder, Inc., is described by Sondern as a Mafia operation. He recognizes the out-

standing work of Asst. Dist. Atty. Burton B. Turkus, who handled this Brooklyn case and obtained a detailed confession regarding the gang and its activities from Abe Reles, a co-conspirator. But Turkus, following his thorough investigation of this case, apparently uncovered no Mafia connections. In his book on Murder, Inc., he flatly states that "as a factor of power in national crime, Mafia has been virtually extinct for two decades."

The Kefauver Committee is credited with having "for the first time really penetrated the ancient brotherhood's armor of secrecy." In the official report of the Kefauver Committee, however, it is stated, "The Committee found it difficult to obtain reliable data concerning the extent of Mafia operation, the nature of the Mafia organization and the way it presently operates." The committee then stated that it was inclined to agree with the opinions of certain experienced officers, including narcotics agents, who believe in the existence of the Mafia.

Despite the flaws I have noted, "Brotherhood of Evil" is well written. It gives a good account of the crime convention in Apalachin, N. Y. in November, 1957, and an insight into the international narcotics traffic, and provides valuable data on many important underworld characters.

Editorial Comment

What Newspapers Are Saying

The files of the Order's National Public Relations Chairman are bulging with material received from members throughout the United States in the Order's all out campaign to put the spotlight on the Mafia myth.

Scores of newspapers are commenting editorially on our campaign. Most of the comment is gratifying.

From California we received a copy of an editorial which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner. This editorial came to us via Peter J. Bertoglio, Ex-Grand Venerable of California.

San Francisco

Here in part is the Examiner's editorial:

"Our citizens of Italian origin are regarded with both respect and affection, and have fully earned both. Their contributions to every aspect of community life have been and are great beyond measure. So hereafter would San Francisco be without them that we do not want to dwell upon the thought. 'All ethnic groups produce their share of criminals, the Italians no more and no fewer than any other. Italians, included, do suffer the handicap that the names of their apples are distinctive and recognizable. The result is an understandable sensitiveness. 'Only fools, bigots and psychotics generalize about any group from the traits, bad or good, of an individual within that group. San Francisco has little time for such people.'"

Waterbury, Conn.

And from our newsclip service we culled these excerpts from an editorial in the Sunday Republican, Waterbury, Conn.:

"... But certainly there is

no reason to believe that the average American citizen thinks less of his Italian neighbor because a group of that nationality happened to have been caught with dirty hands in New York State. What nationality has not had its bad boys? What religious group can say that it has a monopoly on virtue? What race can hold itself above any other? What city is so holy now and then that it doesn't suffer a crime wave that startles the nation? ... Let the Italian-American people rest assured that their substantial characters are appreciated in the U. S. A."

Pasadena, Calif.

Here is what the Pasadena Independent has to say:

"It isn't surprising that many of them (Italian-Americans) are irritated and embarrassed by the constant practice of connecting gangsters and Italian names. Italian names are even stuck on Western villains, although an Italian was as common to the Old West as an Eskimo."

Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philadelphia Bulletin made these editorial comments recently:

"It's convenient to have a bogey man to blame for evil, but Americans will have to forget the 'black hand.' Criminal syndicates are no import, but a made-in-America product with all the elements of the melting pot mixed in."

A Gimmick To Sell Newspapers

Brotherhood Of Evil



The Mafia



This is a copy of a "heading" used by a Pennsylvania daily newspaper, the Pittsburgh Press, to illustrate articles from the book, "Brotherhood of Evil: The Mafia."

Our purpose in carrying this reproduction is to demonstrate to our readers how some newspapers in the United States are using publicity concerning the Mafia as a gimmick to attract readers and sell newspapers.

The Pittsburgh Press published material from Frederic Sondern's book in serial form. In fairness to the Pittsburgh daily let it be said that a number of other daily newspapers also used the Sondern material in condensed version.

The articles in the Pittsburgh Press were carried on seven consecutive days starting with the Sunday edition. An editor's note preceded each article. For the first four days this prelude was on the routinist side, explaining merely that the material was a condensation from the Sondern book.

Change In Climate

On the fifth day, however, there was a definite change in climate. The editor's note blossomed into a full scale explanation, attempting to justify the publication of the Mafia material.

Now why this sudden change? Could it be that the editors of the Pittsburgh Press were flooded with protests from readers? The editor's note as it appeared in the Pittsburgh Press on the fifth, sixth and seventh day was larded with apologetic overtones. So there can be no other conclusion except that a number of readers of the Pittsburgh Press made it a point to register their displeasure over the Mafia articles.

Now for the record let's take a look at the editor's note as it appeared in the Pittsburgh Press for the first four days.

This note or prelude, as we newspapermen call it, simply stated that the article was one in a series "condensed from the book, 'Brotherhood of Evil: The Mafia,' copyright 1959, by Frederic Sondern, Jr. and published by Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, New York."

Contrast Editor's Note

Contrast the above with the prelude which appeared before each of the subsequent articles for the remaining three days.

We quote:

(This is the ... article in a series condensed from the book, "Brotherhood of Evil—the Mafia," by Frederic Sondern Jr. Mr. Sondern, an accomplished author on crime and law enforcement, says he wrote the book for two reasons. One was to tell the story, and the history of the Mafia as it really is, so people can understand the brotherhood and its impact on our society. The second reason was to emphasize that the mafiosi make up a minute fraction of the many hundreds of thousands of Americans of Sicilian birth or extraction,

the great majority of whom are honest people engaged in conventional pursuits; He says: "The reader is asked to remember that the terms Mafia and Sicilian are not synonymous. The latter group must be protected against the stigma which is growing and will continue to grow in the course of many investigations into the Mafia ... if enough people know about the Mafia's workings, we can eventually destroy it." Mr. Sondern's 1959 copyrighted book was published by Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, New York City.)

Pacify Readers

It should be obvious to our readers that the editor's note as we carry it here, is an out and out attempt to pacify those readers who objected to the Sondern material.

If this was the intent of the editor of the Pittsburgh Press then he didn't quite make it. If the Pittsburgh Press was really sincere in trying to prove that his newspaper was merely trying to do a job of presenting the news then he should have gone a step further and done something about the "heading" used on all seven articles on the Mafia.

Cheap, shoddy journalism is our word for this "heading" which on one side has a "black hand" and on the other, a hand, also black, holding a stiletto.

There is no excuse in our book for this type of a "heading." Make no mistake about it, this heading was designed for one purpose and one purpose only — to attract readers through the dramatic use of gimmicks.

Cheap Gimmick

Objective journalism, as we know it, does not resort to gimmicks to attract readers to sell a story. If the story has anything to offer in the first place it will sell itself.

It could be the Pittsburgh Press has to employ gimmicks to win circulation. But even so any editor worth his salt will ask questions before he decides to publish highly controversial material such as Sondern has written in his book.

And in asking questions he certainly would have learned that much of Sondern's material cannot stand up under close analysis.

Witness what a former FBI agent has to say about Sondern's book:

"Brotherhood of Evil" depicts the Mafia as a major factor in America's underworld, a thesis which suffers appreciably when subjected to cold analysis."

Excerpts from Review

These are the words of Virgil W. Peterson, former FBI man, and now director of the Chicago

Crime Commission. These are excerpts from a review of the Sondern book by Peterson for the Chicago Sun Times. We are carrying this review in full elsewhere on this page.

Peterson's review of the Sondern book was written some months ago so any editor, we repeat, worth his salt would have known about Peterson's review.

Obviously other editors of other large city newspapers know the score, and have the courage to face up to facts.

Take the editor of another daily newspaper in Pennsylvania. This editor had signed a contract to publish the Sondern book in serial form, but he tore it up quickly when he was told about the campaign by the Sons of Italy to put the brakes on the misuse of the word Mafia. He did this not because of pressure, but because he asked questions when he heard about the campaign and in asking questions he soon learned, like many others, that it was quite a job to separate fact from fiction in what Sondern put down on paper.

What concerns us more than anything else about the publicity being given to Sondern's book is that Hollywood is seriously considering producing a movie based on the material put together by Sondern, the type of material that will serve no good purpose but to arouse more racial antipathy.

If "Brotherhood of Evil: The Mafia" ever makes its appearance either on the movie screen or on television we may as well face it — law abiding Americans of Italian origin are in for another round of "character assassination" and smearing.

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Entertainment Field Is Seen As Campaign's Chief Problem

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO, OSIA NEWS DIRECTOR

The most pressing problem facing the Order Sons of Italy in America in the campaign against the Mafia 'bogey man' is the entertainment field. That is our considered judgment. And events of the past year or so have pointed up the urgency of bringing Hollywood and television producers to our way of thinking. Under the guise of entertainment we have witnessed what seems to be an unending parade of movies and television shows since August 1958, productions which have depicted Italians as sinister throat-slitting characters. And indications are that there will be more of the same for some time to come unless effective steps are taken to curb this type of entertainment.



The job of getting film and television producers to see the light is not going to be an easy one. It will mean keeping close tabs on what Hollywood and the television networks are doing. It will mean that everyone in our organization must roll up their sleeves and pitch in. This phase of our attack is not a job for one man. It will take the concerted efforts of our entire membership if we are to succeed.

Sold on the Idea

It should be obvious to all of us that for the most, Hollywood and television producers are sold on the idea that the Mafia really exists in the United States. They have been conditioned to this kind of thinking by the hundreds of headlines which have appeared during the last 18 months in every newspaper in the United States. Because of this the Mafia has become a marketable item in the entertainment world.

Under these circumstances movie and TV producers will be

quite reluctant to do away with such a marketable tid-bit as the Mafia. But we are confident that if we present intelligent arguments we will win our case. Certainly, it would be foolhardy for those in the entertainment world to persist in following a course that might have repercussions at the box office or at the cash register.

What we must do is to show the entertainment world that the Mafia is a myth, that no enforcement agency in the United States has been able to prove that such an organization is in existence in the United States.

Character Defamation

And on that basis we indicate to the top brass in the entertainment world that continued production of movies or TV shows harping on the Mafia theme will be interpreted by all of us as a deliberate attempt at character defamation of thousands of law abiding Americans of Italian origin.

The Order's National Committee on Public Relations has already taken a series of steps designed to correct the many theatrial licenses taken by Hollywood and TV in presenting so-called gangster shows.

For example, as National Pub-

Mafia Is Branded Fraudulent Mess By Bishop Wright

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Bishop John J. Wright of the Pittsburgh Diocese in a talk before 6000 persons of Italian descent branded the so-called Mafia organization in the United States as a "fraudulent mess."

Bishop Wright hailed Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers' statement that the U. S. Department of Justice knows of no nationwide crime ring "consisting solely of criminals of any particular national origin."

lie Relations Chairman, we have written to the president of the television division of the Columbia Broadcasting System, to the president of Westinghouse Corp., and to the Desilu Studios.

What we had to say stems from a number of TV shows televised by CBS under the sponsorship of Westinghouse. These shows were produced by the Desilu Studios in Hollywood and presented on the Desilu Playhouse, a one hour show.

Copies of these letters will be found elsewhere in this edition. "The Untouchables"

And as we pointed out in the August edition of OSIA NEWS this is the combination that was responsible for the TV production, "The Untouchables" a two-part show based on the life of Al Capone, and another glibberish story, "The Night the Phone Rang."

In all fairness there have been others who have done their share in contributing to the myth of the Mafia, but CBS in our book is more vulnerable than others.

Variety, the theatrical trade paper, recently reported that National Broadcasting Co., television, comes off with a clean slate, largely because of its documentary film, "The Paper Saint." This, as our readers will recall, was a detailed study of the problems of the Mafia which conclusively debunked the theory that a Mafia exists in this country.

So that everyone of any consequence in the entertainment world will know and understand our position letters will be written in the near future and sent to the major motion picture studios, and all television networks. With these letters will be sent copies of the July, August and September editions of OSIA NEWS.

That will be the first step. Further moves, of course, will be dictated by what reaction we get.

Protest TV Shows

The Order's National Committee on Public Relations has begun a new phase in the attack on the Mafia bogey man. A series of letters have been written to those concerned with the production of a number of television programs which the Order is protesting because of material objectionable to Americans of Italian origin.

We are carrying the complete text of the letters by Chairman A. Alfred Marcello as well as the replies.

These Are Our Letters

To Louis C. Cowan, president of CBS-TV

Dear Mr. Cowan:

With this letter are four copies of OSIA NEWS, the national publication of the Order Sons of Italy in America. Two are copies of the July edition and the others are copies of the August edition which is now in the process of being mailed to members throughout the United States and Canada.

These are sent to you to provide you with background of a campaign of the Order Sons of Italy in America to curb the misuse of the word Mafia.

We hope you will take time out from your busy schedule to read what we have to say about how the word Mafia is being bandied about these days without regard for fact.

Please note reference made to CBS, Westinghouse and the Desilu Playhouse in the August edition.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the president of Westinghouse and Desi Arnaz so that our position is made quite clear.

We are mindful of the fact that a great many persons today are unwittingly aiding the Mafia bogey man. And we believe that they will understand our position once it has been made crystal clear what the situation really is.

To Mark W. Cresap, Jr., president of Westinghouse Corporation, and Desi Arnaz of Desilu Studios

Accompanying this letter are:

(1) Copy of a letter sent to the president of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

(2) Two copies each of the July and August edition of OSIA NEWS, the official publication of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

All this has to do with a campaign which the Order Sons of Italy in America has undertaken to curb the misuse of the word Mafia. We trust you will take the time out to familiarize yourself with what we are trying to do.

In all fairness you should know that in the September edition of our publication our membership will be informed what steps you have taken in this situation as it may affect you and your organization.

And These Are The Replies

CBS-TV—Herbert A. Carlberg, Director of Editing

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Mr. Cowan has forwarded to me your letter of July 21 inasmuch as my department is responsible for, among other things, interpreting and implementing our policies as they govern good taste and similar matters in our programs.

We heartily endorse your objective of disassociating the Italian "image" from criminal stereotypes. This department has relentlessly over the years effected innumerable changes in script material which implies this kind of stereotyping. It is strictly against our policy to use material which is derivative of any race, religious creed or national derivation except wherein such use would be for the specific purpose of effective dramatization such as combating prejudice, etc.

We are definitely not interested in emphasizing for its own sake the presence of any nationalistic organization whose operation is contrary to the public interest of this country. There are a number of these including the mythical ones, well known to you and identified with a wide range of ethnic groups. They may be mentioned from time to time in dramatic material but at no time are their members identified as being representative of their racial origin.

The DESILU PLAYHOUSE presentation, "The Night the Phone Rang" was a suspenseful story without any underlying racial indictment. The general reaction was that it was fanciful—somewhat removed from reality. The only person identifiable with an Italian origin in the story-line was the hero. It is true that he had entered the country illegally (a situation necessary to the plot), but he was shown as an outstanding man of sterling character.

I am certain that you have not overlooked the many well known stars and programs scheduled on the Columbia Television Network that have reflected in a most positive manner our illustrious Italian heritage. To name one, I refer to the recent ED SULLIVAN program which originated in Italy.

I would recommend that the next time you are in New York, you visit us.

Westinghouse Corp.—Dale McFeatters, Vice President

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Your letter of July 21 to Mr. Cresap was referred to me for acknowledgment since my responsibilities with Westinghouse correspond to yours with the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Ruggero Aldisert, a national president of the Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America, a Pittsburgher and also a hometown friend of mine, has been forcefully communicating with us regarding the same subject and I can assure you we are well briefed on your position and program.

Needless to say we regret exceedingly that you have found any

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Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public

How They View the Mafia

How do Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public react when they read or hear the word Mafia? To get the answer the chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations asked newspaper colleagues in four key cities to put the following questions to two or three persons in their respective communities:

When you read or hear the word Mafia what does it convey to you? With whom do you associate the word? And, what in your opinion, is the Mafia?

Those interviewed came from various nationality groups. Only one of those questioned was an American of Italian origin.

Here are the reactions of those interviewed:

A housewife of Irish ancestry. "I believe the Mafia is the underworld element that consists of Italians. I think it's world-wide with Fred (Frank) Costello and Lucky Luciano, the U. S. leaders, or somebody like that."

A chiropractor of Scottish ancestry. "It's some sort of a mysterious organization. I think they call it the 'black paw, or hand.' It's world-wide and comprises Italians only, dealing in crime."

A housewife of English descent. "I don't know too much about it except that they are Italian racketeers. I think they started in Italy and now are organized here."

A law enforcement official of Irish-English ancestry. "I always associate the word with the crime syndicates, not only in the

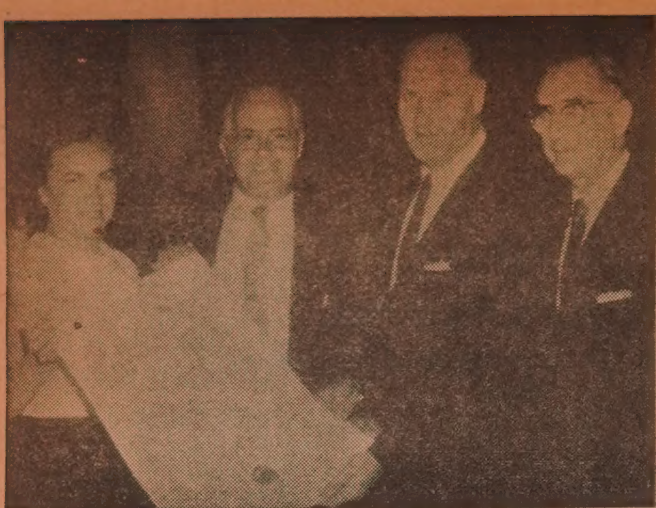
United States, but abroad as well."

A real estate agent whose ancestry dates back to Colonial days. "The Mafia, those are the 'wop' gangsters. They deal mostly in narcotics. I believe that Lucky Luciano is the chief, operating out of Rome, Italy. Most of the Italian boys in the racket are members."

A physician of Polish ancestry. "That's an organization of Italian gangsters who run the rackets in the United States. I think they have headquarters in Sicily."

A lawyer of Italian origin. "I only know what I read in the papers. Reporters say the Mafia comprises men of Italian descent. I don't know for sure that it exists. All I know I never heard my parents or grandparents, who were all born in Italy, ever mention it when they were alive."

A sales manager of French ancestry. "Newspaper stories, books and what I have seen in the movies and on TV have pretty well convinced me that there is such an organization in this country. And, of course, I always associate the word with Italians."



AT BRONX, N. Y. CHARTER PRESENTATIONS
Grand Venerable Carmine Ventiera, Brooklyn, right, officiated at the inauguration of two new lodges at ceremonies held in the quarters of Samuel Young American Legion Post No. 1530. From left to right, Anna Rose, venerable of American Daughters Lodge No. 2092; Peter Vercassi, venerable of Northeast Bronx Lodge No. 2091; Grand Trustee John Satriale, Bronx Assemblyman, and Grand Venerable Ventiera.



LODGE TREASURER HONORED AT GLEN COVE, N. Y.
Joseph A. Stanco, right, treasurer of Glen Cove Lodge No. 1016 for the past 25 years, accepts silver bowl at a dinner given in his honor by members of the lodge. Brother Stanco, a former mayor of Glen Cove, is deputy superintendent of buildings of Nassau county. Joseph A. Salamone, entertainment committee chairman, made the presentation. From left to right, Salamone, Mrs. Stanco, Grand Venerable Carmine A. Ventiera, Mrs. Ventiera and Brother Stanco.

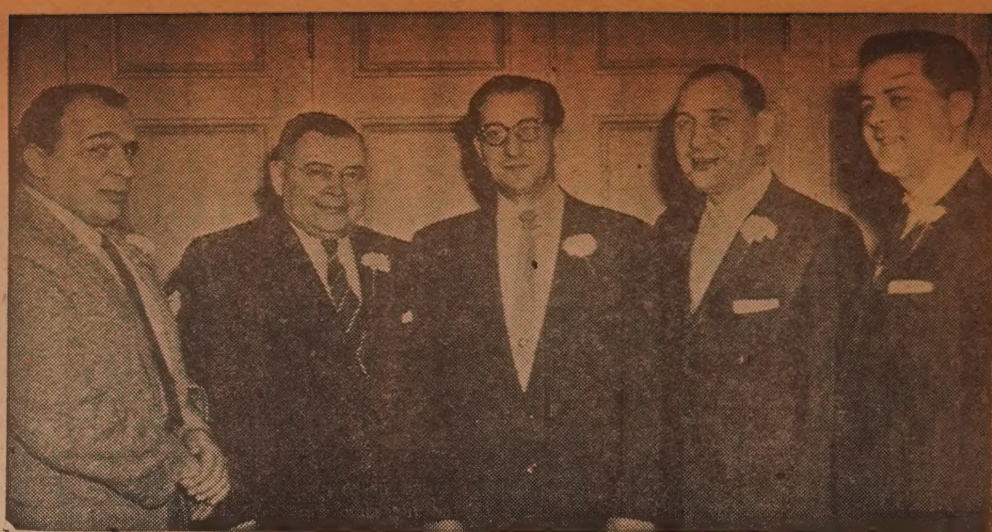
Adopt Columbus Day in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In the city that bears his name, members of the Ohio Legislature paid tribute to Christopher Columbus when it passed a measure naming the twelfth day of October as Columbus Day.

The measure, introduced by State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, East Cleveland, Grand Venerable

of the Ohio Grand Lodge, was signed into law by Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, who is a member of the Sons of Italy.

Prior to the legislative action, October 12 had been known as Discovery Day. The new law now honors the name of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America.



PRINCIPALS AT UTICA, N. Y., INSTALLATION

Russell Bianco, center, newly installed venerable of Sons of Italy Lodge No. 2054, is shown with guests at the installation dinner-dance held in the Hamilton Hotel. Left to right, Assistant Venerable Anthony J. Fernicola, Grand Financial Secretary Constantine Fascia, Venerable Bianco, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, and Joseph Colacicco, master of ceremonies.

New York

Glen Cove Lodges Plan For Oct. 12

GLEN COVE, N. Y.—Members of the Glen Cove and Port Washington Lodges will sponsor a joint Columbus Day dinner-dance to be held Oct. 11 in the Glen Cove Sons of Italy building.

Domenic J. Imbese, Port Washington, has been named general chairman. Joseph Salamone and Joseph A. Nigro are co-chairmen.

Other members of the executive committee are, Venerable Andrew C. Bongiorno, Glen Cove, secretary, and Orlando Scaramucci, treasurer.

The committees: arrangements and seating, Charles Anzalone, chairman; Joseph Agostino, John Izzo, John Murro, Enrico Cimarelli, George Basile and Joseph Scuteri; publicity, Carmine Cocchiola, chairman; Dario Ramazzotti, Herbert Formento and Venerable Bongiorno.

Liaison, Patsy Petito, chairman; Michael Pascucci, Anthony Agostino and Nicholas Martone; tickets, Orlando Scaramucci, chairman; Matthew Corineldes, John Marino, Angelo Tomassi, Sebastian Giunta, A. Pelliccio, Joseph Salamone, Amadeo Conti and Nicholas Fasano.

Two Lodges Hold Picnic At Dobbs Ferry

DOBBS FERRY, N. Y.—More than 300 members and friends attended the 25th annual picnic sponsored jointly by Vittorio Veneto Lodge and Va Pensiera Lodge.

Highlights of the all-day outing featured games, foot races, pie-eating contests and a father and son baseball game.

The Westchester County Sons of Italy bocchia championship was won by Columbus Lodge of Ossining.

The committee, Venerable Denny Paradiso, Venerable Mary Belarge, Clara Paradiso, chairman; Concetta Raffa, Filomena Volpaccia, Antoinette Vano, Nancy Cammisia, Angie Yozzo, Filomena Baviello, Mary DeMay, Millie Lena, Florence Lucie, Marie Perrotta, Millie Privetera, Jenny Abato.

Also, Frank Yazzo, Charles Balducci, Domenick Vano, Victor DeNay, Anthony Taglio, Sal Privetera and Mario Liverzani.

Rhode Island Convention

Asks Quota Change

EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I.—A resolution favoring the abolition of the national origin quota in the U. S. Immigration laws was approved by delegates at the one-day Rhode Island grand convention.

"The present immigration quota establishes an unworthy and undeserving differentiation and priorities," the resolution said.

In another resolution, the convention congratulated Grand Orator Vincent A. Ragosta, a Providence assistant city solicitor, and Grand Trustee Thomas J. Caldron Jr., a legal counsel for the Providence public welfare department, for "rapid advancement in public life."

New Lodge

A charter was presented to the new West Warwick lodge named after Maria Flavia Calabro, venerable of Gloria Lodge, Providence, who died last May.

A plaque was presented to Miss Katherine L. Lawless, executive secretary of the International Institute of Providence, for the work of that organization in helping Italian immigrants.

Among the guests at the convention banquet were: Dr. Alfred Trinchieri, Italian consul general in Boston; Dr. Guido Leopizzi, vice consul in Boston; Dr. Vinzo Comito, New England editor of Il Progresso; Vincent Lentini, president of the Italian Veterans; Mayor Daniel E. Marso, Police Chief Harold W. Lester, State Sen. Gilbert T. Rocha, City Clerk Charles C. Viall and

Miss Lawless. Albert N. Lesch, venerable of hte host Luce Moderna Lodge, was toastmaster.

The committee, William Magiante, Salvatore J. Guglielmo and John P. Sweeney.

Luigi Scala Is Re-elected To 13th Term

EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Delegates at the 45th annual convention re-elected Luigi Scala, Providence, to a 13th consecutive two-year term as Grand Venerable of the Rhode Island Order.

Other members of the Grand Council elected were:

First Assistant Grand Venerable Raymond J. Pettine, Providence; Second Assistant Grand Venerable Vincent Baccari, Providence; Third Assistant Grand Venerable Domenic Agostini, Pawtucket; Grand Orator Vincent A. Ragosta, Providence; Grand Recording Secretary Luigi Conti of Cranston; Grand Financial Secretary Victor Gabriele, Providence; Grand Treasurer Nicandro DiSando, Providence.

Grand Trustees: Joseph Iacchetti, Pawtucket; Mrs. Josephine D'Ambra, Providence; Vincent Marino, Providence; Pasquale Simone, West Warwick; Mrs. Yolanda Recchia of Providence; Nino DiSalle, Providence; Thomas Caldron Jr., Providence; Dr. Frank DiChiara, Cranston, and Michael Sepe, Cranston.

Assails Use of Word Mafia

EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I. — The McClellan Senate Committee has been asked to discontinue the blanket use of the name Mafia in connection with crime.

The request was made in a resolution passed by delegates at the 45th annual Grand Lodge convention held here.

Grand Venerable Luigi Scala, presiding at the one-day convention said:

"The alleged activities of the Mafia have resulted in an indictment of those of Italian ancestry."

In the resolution delegates blamed the "parade of criminals with Italian names" before the Senate committee and the raid

at Apalachin, N. Y., for the "notoriety and play" given the Mafia by newspapers, television and the movies.

The resolution said:

"The unsubstantiated connection of all organized and syndicated crime in our United States with Mafia activities or the name La Mafia is an anachronism and clearly a misnomer that intimates that organized crime has no American roots and that it is totally foreign."

As a result of the convention's action Grand Venerable Scala reiterated the Order's stand on curbing the free and easy use of the word Mafia on a local television news program.

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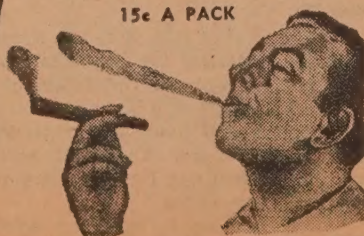
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WEST VIRGINIA MEMBER WINS PRAISE

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani, Fairmont, left, presents certificate of merit to Louis (Damiani) Domenick in recognition of his services to the Grand Lodge. Mr. Domenick and his wife were honored at an appreciation dinner by Silver Star Lodge in Piedmont.

Domenick Presented Service Award

PIEDMONT, W. Va. — Louis (Damiani) Domenick, a member of Silver Star Lodge, was praised at an appreciation dinner held in the lodge hall.

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani presented the honored guest with a certificate of merit in recognition of his services to the Grand Lodge and the local lodge.

Mrs. Domenick was also praised for the assistance she has given her husband and to the lodge. Their two sons and two daughters were present: Silvio Domenick and family and Mrs. Genesi Domenick, Pittsburgh, and Louis Domenick Jr., and family of Oakland, Md.

Connecticut Presses For Berra Day

WATERBURY, Conn. — The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has urged its members to support a "Yogi Berra Day" movement to honor the New York Yankee star.

Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, South Norwalk, sent a telegram to Mel Allen, Yankee sportscaster, suggesting that Berra be honored for his contribution to baseball.

Allen replied that if there was enough interest by Connecticut members he would discuss it further with the club's management.

Grand Venerable Chariott's telegram stated:

"Would like to suggest a 'Yogi Berra Day' in recognition of his great contribution to baseball. He is a great inspiration to the youth of America and a symbol of Americanism. A child of Italian immigrants, a product of the sandlots, it shows what our great country affords everyone who applies himself. Yogi has given much to baseball—he is a credit to the game, to his family and to the Italian people. Would suggest an appropriate occasion some time in September, a 'Yogi Berra Day.' Baseball owes him that much and so does the Baseball Hall of Fame."

Falletta Heads Roma Lodge

NORFOLK, Va.—Grand Venerable Frank Montagna presided at the installation of officers of Roma Lodge No. 254.

Anthony L. Falletta was seated as Venerable of the lodge. He succeeds Philip Lee Russo. More than 75 persons attended the ceremonies.

Other officers seated were, William Artese, assistant venerable; Joseph Galano, orator; Joseph Marchione, recording secretary; John Pezzella, financial secretary; Frank Iantosca, treasurer; Thomas DeNofa, John Promutico, Frank Procidia, Joseph Falletta, Fred Luciano, trustees; Vincent Picone, master of ceremony; Angelo Polcari, sentinel.



CLARKSBURG, W. VA. MOTHER OF YEAR

Mrs. Antonio Romano, seated second from right, was honored at a dinner on being chosen Mother of the Year by members of William Marconi Lodge No. 1140. Head table guests, seated, left to right, Anthony Marra, Mrs. Marra, last year's recipient; the Rev. Fr. Alvin Manni, principal speaker; Grand Recording Secretary, Mrs. Catherine F. Minehart, toastmaster; Mrs. Romano and Antonio Romano; standing, left to right, Grand Treasurer Anthony Basile, Edward Minehart, Mrs. Angelo Viani, Grand Venerable Angelo Viani, Louis Costa, president, FUM; Venerable Anthony Fratto, Mrs. John Julian and Grand Financial Secretary John D. Julian.

Pennsylvania Asks Changes In Immigration

READING, Pa. — Delegates to the 25th biennial Pennsylvania Grand convention approved a resolution calling for the outright repeal of the current immigration quota system.

The resolution urged that a quota system be established which would "clearly reflect the American principle of the dignity and equality of man."

Delegates requested further that unused quotas should be pooled and justly apportioned among "those countries that feel the economic burden of overpopulation."

Also contained in the resolution was the request that preferential quotas be re-examined "to the end that preference may attain a level of fairness consistent with the plain law of humanity."

Condemn Communism

In other resolutions the Grand Lodge reaffirmed its condemnation of the international Communist conspiracy "whose aim it is to destroy our belief in God and the dignity of the human being."

Cited Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable, for giving "unflinchingly of his heart

Supreme Chaplain's Corner

"Lay Up For Yourselves Treasures in Heaven"

(Mt. 6,20)

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

A certain man died and went up to heaven. St. Peter assigned an attending angel to show the new arrival his mansion. As the angel led him through the streets of heaven, he could hardly believe what he saw, the streets paved with gold, the mansions dazzling with precious stones far more beautiful to behold than he ever dreamed. As they went on from street to street he noticed that the mansions became less ornate and less precious; on the first street all the mansions were built of purest gold; on the next street they were made of silver; on the next, of cut stone; then followed ordinary houses made of plain brick and mortar. When they finally came to the outskirts of the celestial city, the angel pointed out to him his own mansion, a mere shack built of a few boards nailed together, and covered with an old rusty corrugated iron roof. The poor soul could not hide his disappointment. Noticing this, the angel said: "Yes, I am afraid it is a poor sort of house, but, you know, WE DID THE VERY BEST WE COULD WITH THE MATERIAL YOU SENT UP."



FR. PALLOTTA

and mind to the growth, progress and objectives of the Order."

Cited President Eisenhower in connection with his appointment of Walter E. Alessandrini, nephew of Judge Alessandrini, as U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

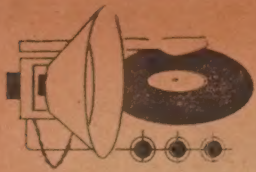
Urged assistance to civil service applicants by those members

"who as a result of training, experience and educational attainments are highly qualified to render preparatory assistance to such applicants."

MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE AWARDS 18 SCHOLARSHIPS



Teresa D. Rosati, Hyde Parke, scholarship chairman, and outgoing Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston, sixth and seventh from left, standing, are shown with scholarship winners at recent grand convention. Awarded \$350 grants were, left to right, seated, Carol A. Signortello, Revere; Lena Compagnone, Milford; Roseann M. Catalano, Methuen; Geraldine A. Rizzo, Waltham; Joyce Abruzzese, Weymouth; Josephine Gulino, Medford; Donna A. Achille, Hingham; Dorothy P. Adinofi, North Attleboro; standing, Joseph A. Curro, Weymouth; Leonard M. Colosanti, Medford; Lawrence M. Torchia, North Adams; Carmine A. Lanciani, Leominster; Alfred A. Molinari, Worcester; Sister Rosati, Guarino; Bernard A. Scaffidi, Waltham; Albert M. Tosches, Milford; Anthony DiVincenzo, Beverly; James A. Champy, Lawrence, and Robert W. Grazada, Norwood.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

A number of new recordings for piano and orchestra are to be found in the growing catalogue of stereo music. Some are on the impressive side. Others are just so-so.

At the top of currently available concertos is the London album featuring Peter Katin, pianist. Katin is not too well known on this side of the Atlantic which is to be deplored. In the London recording of Rachmaninoff's first concerto, Katin gives a brilliant performance. Sir Adrian Boult's accompaniment is tops, but Katin's playing holds the spotlight.

Also first-rate are the EMI-Capitol and the London recordings of Rachmaninoff's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 2 in C Minor.

The incomparable pianist, Benno Moiseiwitsch, is at his best in the EMI-Capitol album with the Philharmonic Orchestra. Moiseiwitsch is crowding 70, but he still displays an amazing technique.

Katchen's Stereo Version

The London version features Julius Katchen at the piano with the London Symphony Orchestra, George Solti, conducting. This is an accomplished performance by Katchen, although some will probably prefer Katchen's previous recording to this stereo version. Nevertheless there's plenty of vigor in Katchen's latest and we venture the guess that it will find favor with most Rachmaninoff fans.

Also among the new concerto recordings are two splendid Beethoven performances. Columbia's contribution is an impressive Beethoven fifth (Emperor) with the pianist, Eugene Istomin and Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra. This one will go down as one of the best Emperors in the current catalogue.

London's contribution is Beethoven's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 4, in G, Opus 58. Make no mistake about this one — Wilhelm Backhaus' reading is distinguished. And the sound ranks with the best of London records.

"The Merry Widow"

Brilliant is the word for London's recording of Franz Lehar's delightful operetta, "The Merry Widow." This is a complete recording by the Vienna State Opera with such singers as Hilde Gueden, Waldemar Kmentt, Emmy Loose and Karl D. Donch.

This bubbling production had the benefit of the directional hand of Robert Stolz who has been associated with Lehar's music since 1905 when "The

LP of The Month

Warner Bros. has one of the best monophonic recordings we have heard in a long, long time in the new album **SPEAK LOW** featuring the music of the late Kurt Weill. The sound is positively breath-taking. We have heard any number of stereo recordings of late which can't hold a candle to this conventional hi-fi album.

Maurice Levine conducts the Warner Bros. Orchestra in a brace of lush numbers such as **Speak Low**, **Foolish Heart**, **Westwind** from the musical, **"Foolish Heart"** and **My Ship** and **Jenny** from **"Lady in the Dark"**; **Here I'll Stay** and **Green-Up Time** from **"Love Life"** and the entrancing **September Song** from **"Knickerbocker Holiday."**

This is certainly a **MUST** for your collection.

Merry Widow was first introduced to the music world.

The London production is Viennese operetta at its best. The fact that operetta is recorded in German may not appeal to some, but frankly, we enjoyed every bit of it.

It's romantic, carefree and gay. And the singing is tops. Hilde Gueden's portrayal of the glamorous widow is charming and the others in lesser roles give adequate performances.

The stereo sound is impressive. As in other London recordings the sound gives the production a live stage presence.

Capsule Reviews

MARIO! Mario Lanza; Orchestra; Chorus. RCA Victor in both monophonic and stereo. A good recital of Italian songs by Lanza who is at his best. Recorded in Rome. The high spots are **Funiculi Funicula** and **Maria Mari**. Both versions are well engineered.

MORE MUSIC FROM PETER GUNN. RCA Victor recording Henry Mancini and his Orchestra. An outstanding album.

TWENTY GREAT ITALIAN SINGERS SING ITALIAN SONGS (Tap). The repertory here is quite varied. Singers include Ponsella, Ruffo, Battistini, Caruso and DeLucia.

WEBER, (CARL MARIA VON) OVERTURES. Orchestra de la Suisse Romande, Ernest Ansermet, conducting. Six of Weber's overtures played in admirable fashion by the impeccable Ansermet. Stereo enhances the sound quite effectively.

MUSIC OF LECUONA: Here is lovely music performed in stereo by Stanley Black and his orchestra of London. **"Siboney," "Malaguena," "Andala"** and others are done in typical Stanley Black big band style.

SHALL WE DANCE: Ted Heath's latest for London. At the top of the heap of current popular music releases. The tunes include **"Dancing In The Dark," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Dancing With My Shadow," "Ten Cents A Dance,"** etc.

The Order's Immigration Front

Grand Lodges Do Excellent Job Pressing For Changes

A number of Grand Lodges have done an excellent job of pressing the Supreme Lodge's program to liberalize existing immigration laws, according to reports reaching the Order's National Committee on Public Relations.

Congress has been flooded with letters from Grand Lodges with the result that many members of Congress have indicated that they are in favor of legislation which would make possible a number of changes asked for by the Supreme Lodge.

Complete reports have been received from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Massachusetts and West Virginia.

Gaining Support

These Grand Lodges have informed the Public Relations Committee that all members of Congress from the three states were contacted by letter in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council at Toronto last April. All those contacted have replied and in most cases indicated they will support legislation advocated by the Order.

Maryland

Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta reported that a copy of the resolution adopted at Toronto had been incorporated into the Congressional Record by Sen. J. Glenn Beall of Maryland. Culotta also reported that eight members of Congress from Maryland had replied to letters sent by the Maryland Grand Lodge.

Here, too, the replies were encouraging. Both Senators from Maryland expressed themselves in favor.

Senator Beall wrote in part:

"... I have always been in favor of liberalizing our immigration laws... A revision of our immigration laws is long overdue."

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ent attitude and be prepared to be attacked where it hurts the most — the pocketbook."

Conference with Gorrasi

This latest move was decided on after conferences between Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi and the chairman of the Order's National Public Relations Committee. The action stemmed from replies from Hollywood and television officials and a number of news releases which indicated that a fresh crop of productions with a Mafia theme would be released during the new season.

Among letters which have gone out in the name of the Order is one to Henry Ford, president of Ford Motor Co. This letter in blunt language, asked the Ford company to cancel a television program which is concerned with the Mafia operations in this country and Sicily. This program is intended to show that the Mafia controls the traffic in narcotics in the United States.

On page three of this edition we go into some detail on our attack on Hollywood and television producers. We are carrying a number of letters from the Order and replies from producers and program sponsors.

Gorrasi Statement

In discussions with the Order's

Senator John Marshall Butler wrote:

"Rest assured that your fine organization's recommendation will be uppermost in my mind... during any Senate consideration of legislation in this field."

Favorable replies were also received from the following members of the House of Representatives: Daniel B. Brewster, Edward A. Garmatz, Richard E. Lankford, John R. Foley, George H. Fallon, Thomas F. Johnson and Samuel N. Friedel.

Name Committee

At the organization meeting of the new Maryland Grand Council the following were appointed to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization:

Grand Venerable Culotta, chairman; Guy Sardella, Roland Giacomelli, Joseph Giordano, Vincent Flaccomio, Angelo Di Blasi and Vito A. Marino.

Massachusetts

Letters forwarded to the Public Relations Committee by Miss Sophie Gorrasi, Grand Recording Secretary, show that practically every member of the delegation from Massachusetts will support legislation which would liberalize the law concerning fourth preference quotas.

Both Sen. Leverett Saltonstall and Sen. John F. Kennedy expressed the opinion that "existing laws should be amended and revised."

Similar sentiments were expressed by Congressmen Joseph W. Martin, Jr., John W. McCor-

national public relations chairman, Supreme Venerable Gorrasi said:

"Apparently what we are trying to do is not sinking in with some persons. Their attitude leaves us with no alternative but to strike back where it hurts the most — the pocketbook."

"We should make it plain that we are prepared to fight them with every resource at our command. We will not tolerate the present attitude of movie and television producers. Let them persist and take the consequences. We have millions of Americans on our side."

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responsible misuse of the word Mafia.

Because of this we are asking the Ford organization not to lend its good offices to any program that would most certainly serve no good purpose except to arouse racial antipathy.

Judging from the advance news releases the program now planned under your sponsorship will tie the Mafia organization as it was known in Italy with crime in the United States.

If this is true then the proposed program will be in direct contra-

mack, Harold D. Donohue, Thomas J. Lane, Laurence Curtis, and Philip J. Philbin.

Senator Saltonstall wrote in part:

"I do believe that our immigration laws should be amended and revised and you may be sure that I will keep the provisions of the resolution in mind whenever bills concerning immigration are taken up by the Senate."

And here is what Senator Kennedy had to say:

"I am aware of the problem and preparing legislation which I believe can clear the matter up."

West Virginia

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani in his report cited letters he had received in reply from the two Senators and three members of the House from West Virginia.

Both Senators — Robert C. Byrd and Jennings Randolph — promised that they would give the legislation "their thoughtful consideration."

Congressman Cleveland M. Bailey wrote:

"I am of the opinion that a new quota plan should be written that would be more equitable to all nations."

And from Congressman Harley O. Staggers came this reply:

"I agree with you that something should be done in order to alleviate the present situation, and I shall talk with members of the Judiciary Committee about this matter."

diction of established facts.

We request that any such program be cancelled.

It is only fair to advise you that the national convention of the Order Sons of Italy in America will be held in Boston, Mass., this month, opening on August 20 and closing August 24. The Mafia issue is high on our agenda. I think you should know that our organization intends to vote for positive action against those who persist in defaming the character of millions of law abiding citizens of Italian origin.

May we hope for an early and favorable reply?

Mrs. Chesna Heads Silver Star Lodge

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. — Mrs. George Chesna has been re-elected to a third term as Venerable of Silver Star Lodge No. 1916.

Other officers are, Mrs. Mariano Giustiniani, assistant venerable; Mrs. Leonard Altieri, ex-venerable; Mrs. Joseph Fabrizio, orator; Mrs. Frank Coloneri, recording secretary; Mrs. Michael Smaldino, financial secretary; Mrs. Gabriel Nanni, treasurer; Mrs. Augusti Gatenia, Mrs. Thomas Midwinter, Mrs. James Zunagil, Mrs. Eugene Roma, Mrs. Virgile Callisi, trustees; Mrs. Ralph Fabrizio and Mrs. Frank DiOrto, masters of ceremony; Mrs. Dan LaVolla, sentinel.

Buy of The Month

Audio Fidelity, Inc., is offering hi-fi fans an unusual opportunity to build up their record libraries. For a limited time only Audio Fidelity records can be had for the unprecedented low price of 99 cents with the purchase of any other recording in the catalogue at the regular suggested list price of \$6.95 stereo, \$5.95 monaural. This means hi-fi fans can purchase two monaural records for the low price of 6.94 instead of the usual \$11.90, and two stereo records for \$7.94 instead of \$13.90. This represents a price reduction of over 40 per cent.

Letters Praise Campaign

The Order's campaign to curb the flagrant misuse of the word Mafia is winning praise from persons from all walks of life. Here are a few letters sent to the Order's National Committee on Public Relations:

Robert F. Kennedy

Chief Counsel for The McClellan Committee

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I appreciate your letter of July 7, 1959 with the attached July, 1959 issue of the OSIA NEWS.

I certainly agree with you that it is indeed unfortunate that hundreds of thousands of persons of Italian extraction in the United States are stigmatized by the crimes of a very small minority.

During our hearings into criminal activities of persons who attended the meeting in Apalachin, New York, the fact was constantly stressed that no broad reflection should be made on the law-abiding Italian-Americans in this country because of the testimony relating to the criminal activities of those attending this meeting.

On page 12255 of our transcript, the following colloquy takes place, which should be of some interest to you:

"MR. KENNEDY. Now, we have gone into these individuals who attended the meeting, and also the previous testimony of the Italian extraction of a lot of this organization and groups. Haven't we found in our own study and investigation that often the leaders of law enforcement throughout the United States are fighting this kind of an organization, and are also Italian extraction?"

"MR. MARTIN. Yes, that is true. In fact, in New York particularly there were several New York detectives, and I believe one of them was slain in Italy trying to pursue the thing through to death, what further information he might be able to develop relative to the Mafia in Italy."

"MR. KENNEDY. I just wanted to get this in its correct perspective and to make sure that as we talk along about the Mafia, we understood the other side of it. Many people who have devoted their whole lives to fighting this kind of an organization have been individuals who also have been of Italian extraction and have fought as hard against this organization as the members of the Mafia have fought to break down law enforcement."

"SEN. IVES. We ought to point out here with some force that this Mafia is an extreme exception insofar as those of Italian extraction are concerned. The very vast majority of our citizens of Italian extraction are very loyal Americans and have no connection with any organization of this kind. This is an exception."

"MR. MARTIN. I agree wholeheartedly with what the Senator has said, Senator Ives. And I think Mr. Pera would also agree."

"MR. PERA. Yes sir; and probably some of the most proficient and some of the most rewarding work done along the line of exposing the Mafia has been done by people of Sicilian extraction who are narcotic

Atty. Alvin H. Goldstein, San Francisco

In the July issue of OSIA NEWS we carried comments by Atty. Alvin H. Goldstein, a former Assistant District Attorney in New York City. Atty. Goldstein while on the District Attorney's staff in New York prosecuted the labor racketeer, Johnny Dio. Last year he conducted a survey of crime conditions in California for officials of that State. His report to the Governor of California debunked the existence of a Mafia in California.

The following letter was recently received from Atty. Goldstein who is now practicing law in San Francisco:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

As you know, I am quite amazed at the great eagerness of the public generally and newspapers in particular to accept and perpetuate the concept of "Mafia". You are rightfully concerned with the possibility that widespread public acceptance of the Mafia myth has stimulated prejudice against persons of Italian descent. As a matter of fact, this was one of the points which I made in my report to Governor Brown and, if you are interested, I will be pleased to send you the exact quote.

I would appreciate it if you would mail me a half dozen copies of your July, 1959, issue, and I congratulate you on your recognition of this problem and your willingness to come to grips with it on a realistic basis. Needless to say, placing the burden upon any nationality for a particular social problem is in antithesis to the fundamental principles inherent in our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

agents and one is district supervisor of our bureau."

Whether or not there is a Mafia per se — the subject which has been heatedly debated — there is no doubt, however, that there is a powerful criminal underworld in this country. Their activities have been well documented and the general lumping of Italian-Americans of this country into any category is a perversion of the truth, as we have repeatedly pointed out.

John F. Kennedy

Massachusetts Senator and Member, McClellan Committee

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I appreciate very much your letter of recent date attaching copies of the July issue of OSIA NEWS, as well as a copy of a letter which you have addressed to Senator John McClellan.

I wanted you to know that I will give the most careful consideration to the suggestions contained in your letter to Senator McClellan and I am sure he will bring this matter to the attention of the Committee in the near future.

With every best wish.

Salvatore J. Pinelli

Inglewood, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In a United Press wire-story dated June 29, 1959, I read of your nation-wide campaign to curb the free and easy use of the word Mafia. I brought the article to our last meeting and read it to the membership and it was very well received.

We wish to compliment your organization on this excellent public service, and to offer any assistance you may need in this project.

Enclosed you will find a photocopy of an article we are sending out to all the national broadcasting motion picture studios. I hope you will find time to read this article to your membership, for I am sure they will appreciate it. It will give them an insight of what other organizations are trying to do to correct this intolerable situation.

(Salvatore J. Pinelli is secretary-treasurer of the Italian-American War Veterans & Associates of Inglewood, Calif.—Editor.)

Victor L. Anfuso

U. S. Representative 8th District, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

"I am sending you herewith a tearsheet from a recent issue of the Congressional record which contains my statement on defamation of Italian-Americans. You will note at the end of the text my letter on the subject to the attorney general. To date I have not yet received his reply in the matter, although it should be forthcoming in the near future."

(Congressman Anfuso's remarks "Time to Stop Defamation of Millions of Americans" were incorporated in the Congressional Record of July 16. Congressman Anfuso said in part: "Organizations of American citizens of Italian descent, the Italian-American press in this country are conducting a counter-

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of the television presentations which we sponsor to be objectionable in any respect. As we have assured Mr. Aldisert, certainly it is not our intention to offend any group of people or to reflect in any way on their national origin.

Westinghouse, of course, is in a difficult position. If we attempt to exercise control over dramatic presentations we are accused of "big business censorship" and of stifling the arts and culture of our country. If we have nothing to do with script selection, we find ourselves in a situation such as you have raised.

However, letters and actions such as yours do constitute a guide in selection of future scripts for our programs and they are being called to the attention of the executives responsible for programming.

Desilu Studios—Bert Granet, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Marcello:

It has been the purpose of Desilu not to single out any particular race, creed or religion to the point of making them suffer. In line with what you say about the Mafia, we too are trying to correct this situation in a coming project entitled, "MEETING AT APALACHIN." Our leading character in this story will be an Italian detective who rebels at the aspersions cast on his people because of the misbehavior of some. I think this is a sound approach and one particularly fair to people of Italian extraction.

As to the men themselves, I read your articles very carefully. While there is a natural desire on your part to eliminate it from the language, it would be helpful to have solid evidence that no such organization or syndicate exists. The evidence naturally would have to be as strong, let us say, as that of the known facts that a meeting did take place at Apalachin and the members of this meeting did all have somewhat unsavory backgrounds.

In regard to what you mention in Fiction Grist Mill concerning "THE UNTOUCHABLES", this material is predicated on the late Eliot Ness's own autobiography of the seizure of Capone's breweries and the direct cause of his downfall.

Our Desilu efforts stem from thoughts other than sensationalism. Any mass media has areas of great responsibility. We hope that when you see our new product you will realize that what we have to say has to do with our hopes that it will serve to make us aware of the need for constant vigilance in crime enforcement.

NO TIME FOR LET DOWN

Reaction to the Order's campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia continues to pile up. Of course most of it is favorable. But here and there we detect a discordant note, the kind to cause us some concern. We say this because we read in some letters reaching our desk a suggestion that we have already won our battle. This when we have not even begun to fight!

Take the sentiments expressed by one member from one of the largest states.

In essence this is what he says:

"Congratulations for a good fight. You'll be happy to know that in our state we have licked the Mafia problem."

Ordinarily all we would say to this it is "wonderful." But somehow what this member wrote makes us uneasy. We detect some kind of a letdown. We are fearful that this member is about to pick up his marbles and rest on his laurels.

Only One Battle Has Been Won

But what laurels? So, we won in Podunk. But what about the rest of the country? Do we call it quits now just because in one isolated community we appear to have won a battle? Don't we care what is happening in all the other Podunks in the United States?

And don't we care what is going on in California, Hollywood, the entertainment capital of the world? Don't we care that the Hollywood grist mill is wallowing in a harvest of Mafia headlines?

Now if some member from California wrote us that the Mafia problem in that state was licked then we would seriously consider taking a breather. But as long as Hollywood continues to turn out entertainment that serves to nurture the Mafia bogey man, victory for our cause is still quite distant.

We Must Look Ahead

So we have won the battle of Podunk. But what happens come next Winter or Spring when Hollywood or TV spawns another production which heaps more abuse and vilification on our people?

Will our member in Podunk have won his battle after all?

Of course, he can always stay away from the movies or shut off his TV set. In so doing he doesn't have to witness the degrading dramas sired by Hollywood and TV script writers.

But we all know that kind of strategy doesn't win battles. Rather it makes for more of what we are fighting against today!

To those members who believe that we have already achieved victory we repeat—we have just begun to fight.

And by the looks of things it will be a hard, long battle.

THE DIRECTOR

Roland Giacomelli

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Marcello:

As chairman of the National Committee on Public Relations and as a strong and efficient Campaigner against the misuse of the word "Mafia" that lately seems to have become the fashionable word preferred by reporters and columnists seeking cheap sensationalism, I am sure you will be interested in the enclosed financial page of the Baltimore News-Post on Monday, August 3, in which again the terms "Mafia" and "Gangland Convention of Apalachin" are freely used.

The Order Sons of Italy and your committee are doing fine and tremendous work and deserve the support not only from the members of the Order, but from every citizen of Italian origin.

I hope that the enclosed article will give you additional ammunition in your campaign to curb this callow journalism that unwittingly or otherwise is discriminating and stigmatizing Americans of Italian descent.

The very best wishes for a successful campaign.

(The news story Brother Giacomelli refers to is an article written by the Post-Hall Syndicate writer, Sylvia Porter. Ordinarily Miss Porter is quite objective in her column, but in a series describing how the underworld has invaded Wall Street, she tosses discretion to the winds. Without regard for fact Miss Porter injects the Mafia in her column on Wall Street. This is a cardinal sin being committed by most columnists today.—Editor.)



MT. PLEASANT, PA., NURSING AWARD

Mrs. Rose Rozell, right, scholarship chairman for Mt. Pleasant Ladies' Lodge No. 1567, presents the lodge's \$100 nursing scholarship to Miss Barbara Ferrell at a pizza party held at the Roma Room. Scholarship committee members include Venerable Lucy Tesauo, Nellie Arrotti, Teresa Cernuto Hostetler, Laura Cernuto, Margaret Ceroni and Tristine Tesauo.

Archbishop Vagnozzi Dinper

Name National Committees

WASHINGTON, D. C.—National committee chairmen have been named for the October 31 dinner to be given by the Order in honor of Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, apostolic delegate to the United States, at the Mayflower Hotel.

Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., general chairman, presided at the first organizational meeting of the committee here.

Also attending were Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorraasi, Woburn, Mass., and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain and honorary general chairman.

Six-State Area

The general committee for the national dinner is composed of Supreme officers and Grand Venerables of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and members of Washington's Roma Lodge No. 79.

These six Grand Lodges are within a 150-mile radius of Washington and Supreme Venerable Gorraasi has urged members from those states in particular to attend the dinner.

Committee chairmen are:

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, invited guests.

Grand Venerable Samuel A. Culotta, Baltimore, Md., tickets. Brother Culotta is committee secretary.

Supreme Deputy William Amoroso, Washington, dinner.

A Alfred Marcello, Worcester, Mass., director of OSIA NEWS and national chairman of the committee on public relations, publicity.

Monsignor Pallotta, reception. Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, is committee treasurer.

The committee approved a ticket price of \$10.00 per person.

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ONTARIO LODGES TOP BOWLING TOURNAMENT WITH BANQUET

Welland, Ontario, was the scene of a bowling tournament and dinner at which 17 teams took part. Above the men's team of Dante Lodge, Welland, are presented trophy for topping all teams. Left to right, Victor Nero, Guido Marchesini, Frank Lavey, who made the presentation for the Grand Lodge, Adam Bartolomeo, team captain; Frank Maddalena, Nello Fortini, Larry Boccioletti, venerable of Dante Lodge; and Lena Stuart, high triple winner.

New Jersey

Palleria Speaker At Grand Lodge Dinner

NEWARK, N. J. — Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria was principal speaker at the annual Grand Lodge banquet held at the Mosque Theatre building hall.

A highlight of the dinner was the observance of Brother Palleria's birthday and the presentation of a huge birthday cake.

Assistant Grand Venerable Joseph Cassini also spoke. City Magistrate Eugene Capibianco, Asbury Park, was toastmaster.

Mrs. Palleria was presented a bouquet of red roses in recognition of her efforts in compiling a successful souvenir program book.

Among the Grand Council members attending were Grand Recording Secretary John Ricciardi, Grand Treasurer Nicola P. Maria and Grand Trustees Frank Vecchione, Ernest Castellucci and Nicholas Mignone.

Guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Desiderio, Mrs. Jennie Mignone, Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Desiderio, Stanley Nevola, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Desiderio, Miss Bonnie Artaserse, Vincent Pavone, Benjamin Sellitti and Fabio Battaglia.

Anthony Ianuale was general chairman. Atty Rocco Clarizio and Mrs. Josephine Battaglini were co-chairmen.

Washington, D. C. Student Awarded Four-Year Grant

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Miss Constance G. Urciolo, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raphael Urciolo, members of Roma Lodge No. 79, has been awarded a full four-year \$3000 scholarship by the University of New Rochelle.



URCIOLO

of competitive exams and for outstanding merit. Her ambition is to be a pediatrician.

Dr. Urciolo, a Washington attorney and a past venerable of Roma Lodge, said his daughter will become a member of the lodge next year.



GRAND VENERABLE FARANO AWARDS TROPHIES

Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, Toronto, presents Grand Lodge trophy to Florente Lodge team members. From left to right, Farano, Stella Tumina, Mary Iannaci, high single winner, and Santina Barreca.



WOMEN'S DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Three members of the Florente Lodge bowling team of Toronto. From left to right, Marie Argier, Margaret Notara and Lena Lalla.

17 Teams Take Part in Tourney

WELLAND, Ont.—The Grand Lodge of Ontario held its 10th annual bowling tournament and dinner here with 17 teams participating.

Prizes were awarded at a dinner held at the Casa Dante.

Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, Toronto, presented the Grand Lodge trophy to members of the Florente Lodge, Toronto, first place winners in the women's division.

Frank Lavey, Welland, presented a trophy to the Dante Lodge team, finalists in the men's division.

Speakers were Grand Vener-

able Farano and Monsignor Vincent J. Ferrando.

Winners were, Trieste Lodge, Hamilton, second place, men's division; Imperia Lodge, Hamilton, second place women's division; Oscar Bignucolo, Niagara Falls, high single; Mary Iannaci, Toronto, high single; A. Altobelli, Hamilton, high triple, Mrs. Lena Stuart, Welland, high triple, and Mrs. Susie Zorzi, Thorold, lowest score.

Mrs. Josephine Lavey, Welland, recording secretary, was hostess at a tea held at her home for 60 women attending the tournament.